DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Green Permit Process Flow Chart

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General Info. & Kick-off Mta.

General Information

The Green Permit Process offers qualifying projects an expedited permit process and possibly a reduction of the permit fees.

Requirements:

- ☐ Commercial projects must earn certification within the LEED rating system
- ☐ Smaller Residential projects must earn certification under the Chicago Green Homes Program checklist based rating system or **LEED for Homes**
- ☐ Green Menu Items -Projects must utilize certain green strategies or green technologies to qualify

STEP 1A

Kick-off Meeting

- ☐ Applicant emails the Green Permit Meeting request form to request a Kick-off Meeting
- ☐ Meeting held In Rm 906 at
- 121 N. LaSalle
- ☐ The DOB Green Project Administrator (PA) will lead the meeting
- ☐ Owner brings a preliminary set of construction plans
- ☐ Review scope of work & create a permit timeline
- ☐ Verify if submission will be electronic or paper based

Preliminary Mtg. & Intake Appointment

STEP 2A

Preliminary Meeting

- ☐ Applicant emails the Green Permit Meeting request form to request a Preliminary Meeting
- ☐ In Rm 906 at 121 N. LaSalle
- ☐ The DOB Green Project Administrator and Consultant
- Reviewer will lead the meeting
- ☐ Owner brings a 50% complete half-size set of construction plans and a digital copy of plans and required green documents on CD
- ☐ Discuss scope of work, green technologies, and critical path
- □ Discuss Zoning implications
- ☐ Allow 4-6 weeks to confirm project eligibility prior to the Intake Appointment

STEP 2B (If applicable)

Preparation

Obtain or initiate the following items prior to the Intake

- Appointment:
- □ CDOT Information Retrieval Request (utility search)
- ☐ Structural Peer Review Report
- □ Fee Wavier Ordinance
- ☐ Use of Public Way Ordinance
- □ Administrative Relief Request
- ☐ Driveway Permit Application
- ☐ BuzzSaw training & online access is required for electronic submissions

STEP 2C

Intake Appointment

- ☐ Scheduled with DOB Green PA. held in Rm 906 at 121 N. LaSalle
- ☐ Preliminary Zoning Review
- ☐ Identify existing bldg, violations
- ☐ Review plans & application forms for completeness
- ☐ Process permit application in computer: identify & log initial corrections, apply labels to plans
- ☐ Route plans as required to other departments
- ☐ Route plans to DOB technical plan examiners or Consultant Reviewers to begin plan reviews

Reviews by Other **Departments**

STEP 3A (If applicable)

Landscape Review -Department of Zoning & Land Use Planning (DZLUP)

☐ The Applicant shall obtain a Landscape Review if the Chicago Landscape Ordinance applies

STEP 3B (If applicable)

Landmarks (DZLUP)

- □ Obtain a Landmarks Review if a landmark building or district
- ☐ Routed by the DOB Green PA

STEP 3C (If applicable)

Planning & Policy Div. (DZLUP)

- □ Lakefront Protection District
- ☐ Plan Developments
- (Short Form & Part II Reviews)
- ☐ Routed by the DOB Green PA

Technical Plan Reviews

STEP 4A

Technical Plan Reviews

- □ Zoning
- □ Architecture
- □ Ventilation
- □ Plumbing
- □ Electrical
- □ Refrigeration
- ☐ Fire Prevention
- □ Structural
- □ Environmental
- □ Accessibility
- □ Food Protection
- ☐ Storm Water Management
- □ Office of Underground

Coordination – Existing Facility Protection Process (deep Foundations)

STEP 4B

Check Status & Corrections

- ☐ "Search Permit Status" online www.cityofchicago.org/buildings and print the plan corrections
- ☐ The DOB Green PA will alert the architect once all initial plan reviews have been performed

Plan Review Corrections

STEP 5A (If applicable)

Request Code Variance

- ☐ Administrative Relief Request
- ☐ Building Board of Appeals
- ☐ Committee on Standards
- & Tests

STEP 5B

Certified Corrections Program

- (All Licensed Architects qualify)
- ☐ If not prohibited by Plan Examiner's comments
- □ Assembly. Institutional and Hazardous occupancies & nonresidential government projects

ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

- □ Submit Professional of Record Certification Statement, Owner/ Tenant Certification Statement.
- & Hold Harmless Letter
- □ Add a new sheet w/ itemized corrections & the Certification Statement behind the cover sheet
- □ Professionals of Record shall bubble, initial & date all plan corrections on all sheets

STEP 5C

Open Plan Review (OPR)

- ☐ Request an OPR appointment with the DOB Green PA
- □ The Professionals of Record are allowed to attend OPR to meet with the plan examiners with goal of obtaining approval on all plan corrections

Final Review

STEP 6A

Final Review

The DOB Green PA will-

- ☐ Verify that the plans and application forms are complete
- □ Perform the final Zoning Review & approval
- ☐ Tabulate the permit fee &
- inform applicant of the amount □ Verify technical plan reviews are approved and existing
- building violations are addressed ☐ Stamp the approval on plans
- ☐ Trigger email to architect when plans & permit are approved and ready for payment & pick-up

Permit Issuance & Inspections

STEP 7A

Building Permit Issued

- ☐ Applicant pays the permit fee and obtains the permit certificate at the Dept. of Revenue window in Rm 906 at 121 N. La Salle.
- Applicant contacts the DOB PA to obtain the approved plans in Rm 906 at 121 N. La Salle.

STEP 7B

Field Inspections

☐ Request all inspections on-line www.cityofchicago.org/buildings